

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 3rd 2002

IRTS Dinner Dance

The IRTS Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday March 2nd in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. The dinner which offers a choice of menu, starts at 8.30 p.m. and will be followed with a Dance featuring live music. The club promises numerous prizes at the event! Reservations for the Dinner Dance are essential, and Tickets priced at (Euro) €30 are available from Frances Taheny, EI5J, on 087 90 29 155. The organisers advise early booking to avoid disappointment, as numbers are limited.

Dublin QRP Amateur Radio Club Please note that the club meeting night will be changed to Friday from the first Friday in March 2002.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club had an interesting demonstration by John EI3EC on finding one's QRA locator. Members worked out their own particular locators. This week the club had a discussion on problems with interference such as TVI. Suggestions on how to tackle this problem were examined. The Club is now QRV on PSK and up to 60 contacts have been made on this mode already. The AGM of the club will be held on Monday the 25th of March at 8 p.m. at Wilton Park House.

Rallies

Last Sunday's Phoenix Rally held at the Coolmine Community School was an outstanding success and had one of the biggest crowds at any rally in recent times. All the usual traders were present and a feature of the day was the large amount of secondhand equipment and bits and pieces on display. The next rally on the calendar will be the Limerick one in Jurys Hotel on April the 7th. Enquiries about this one should be directed to Paul Kirkby EI6FE at QTHR. The Terenure Rally 2002 will be held on the 26th of May at Terenure College. The doors open at 11.00am and further information can be had from George EI2CPB on 086-2586103.

EI6AX on Radio na Gaeltachta

Radio na Gaeltachta will broadcast an interview with Bernie EI6AX on Sunday next, March 3rd at 1310. The title of the programme is "Mo bhealach féin" and it should be of interest to radio amateurs and gaelgóiri.

EI Activity Day This year, St. Patricks Day falls on a Sunday which should give everybody a chance to get on the air for the annual EI activity day. We ask that a special effort be made to activate the rarer counties and hope clubs will once again make an effort to get out portable. There are many stations in various parts of the world now actively participating in the Worked All Ireland Awards Scheme and many are trying for the last few to get the counties award.

IOTA Contest Results The results of last July's Islands On The Air Contest have just been published in Radcom. Once again participation from EI was high with some 13 stations sending in logs. IRTS has two trophies for this contest and the IRTS IOTA Trophy for island operations was won by Sean EI4GK and his team using the callsign EJ4GK/P from Inis Mor in the Aran Islands. The IRTS DX trophy for the leading single operator was won by John Barry EI8IR and the Hal Hodgens Key for the leading entry in the 12 Hour CW section. Full details will appear in the next issue of Echo Ireland.

More Contest Results

In the CW Field Day held on the 2nd and 3rd of June last, the Restricted Section (Paddy Smyth Cup) was won by Joe Ryan EI7GY with 328 QSO's giving 1112 points. The Open Section (Peter Daly Cup) was won by The East Cork Group EI7M with 781 QSO's giving 2453 points.

In the VHF/UHF Field Day held on July the 7th and 8th, The Restricted Section (IRTS VHF Shield) was won by Tipperary Amateur Radio Group EI7TRG with 47 QSO's and 32724 points. The Open Section (Thomond Trophy) was won by Mayo Radio Experimenters Network EI5IX with 243 QSO's and 370,646 points. In second place was Network Southern Area EI9E with 363,453 points. More results will be announced in next weeks bulletin.

Cork Dinner

The Park Hotel in Midleton, Co. Cork will be the venue for a dinner and social evening on Friday March 15th. All experimenters and their friends are invited to take the opportunity to get together and enjoy a great meal in pleasant surroundings.

To book your tickets, contact Dennis O'Flynn EI6HB on 021-4667137, Jeremy

Sheehan EI5GM on 021-4774955 after 1900 or Dave Moore EI4BZ on 021-4883555.

Awards

Would all Amateurs who worked 6 metre DX during the past year, and who wish to submit an entry for the annual IRTS Six Metre Shield, submit their entries now. Rules are printed in the yearbook. All entries should be forwarded to the I.R.T.S Contest Manager, John McDonnell, EI6IR at ei6ir@eircom.net or at QTHR.

All holders of trophies should return them as soon as possible to Peter Grant EI4HX. If you cannot arrange the return, please contact any committee member. Nominations are also requested for the Arup Cup, Collins Cup and the Pat Conway Cup. These are presented for service to the hobby or to the society. These should be sent to the Awards Committee, care of Peter Grant EI4HX. See the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie for contact details. The Ian Morris Trophy is awarded to the Short-wave Listeners with the most DXCC entities heard during the past year. There are two trophies for home construction and equipment being entered should be brought to Knock on the day of the AGM.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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